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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TAX SENSITIVE PORTFOLIO
OPTIMIZATION**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY**
(37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c)(iv))

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the client is

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BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. We have been instructed by the client to transfer the file to another firm.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

4. Status of this Patent: Awaiting first office action

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

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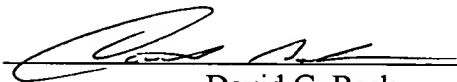
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6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING PRACTITIONER

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